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# KINGS

Medicines for

the Plague.

Prescribed for the yeare

1604. by the whole Colledge  
of Physicians, both Spirituall

and Temporall.

Walter

Burston

And now most fitting for

this dangerous time of Infection,  
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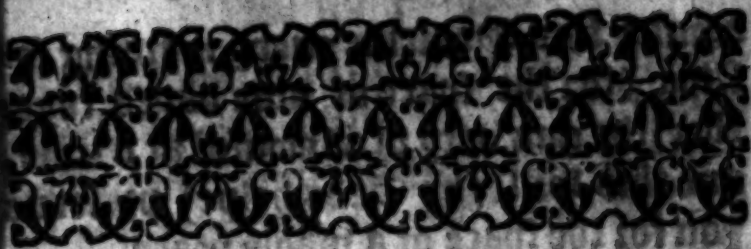
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The Kings Medicine of  
*the former yeare, against*  
 the Plague of the  
 Body.

*The first part.*

**T**ake Sage of Werten, Rue (other-  
 wise called Hearbe-grace) Elder-  
 leaues, red Bramble leaues, and  
 Wormewood, of each of them a  
 good handfull, stampe them all together,  
 and then straine them thzough a fine  
 linnen cloath: and put to the iuice a  
 quart of perfect good white Wine, and  
 a good quantity of white wine Vinegar:  
 mingle them all together, and put there-  
 unto a quarter of an ounce of white Gin-  
 ger, beaten to small powder: vse to  
 drink

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Drinke this Medicine every morning fa-  
sting (for the space of nine daies toge-  
ther) the quantity of a Spoonfull at a time,  
and this will (by Gods helpe) preserve  
you for the space of a whole yeare.

## The Kings Medicine for this present yeare against the Plague of the soule, and the effect thereof.

**T**ake the hearbe of Vertue, (the  
doing of good, Psal. 34. 14.) and  
the hearbe of Patience (other-  
wise called a wayting vpon the  
Lord, Psal. 37. 7.) wherewith possesse  
your soules, Luke 21. 19. In steade of  
Hearbegrace, take another, called Christs  
grace and in the place of Elder-leaves,  
Elders examples, following and imita-  
ting the Elders of Israel, 1 Chron. 21.  
prostrating your selues before the Ma-  
iesty of God: Let not these things be the  
ingredients of this Spirituall Kings  
Medicine, which are in the corporall, the  
Bramble



Bramble and the Wormewood. Leave  
 out the proud Bramble, and his leaves  
 for he would exalt himselfe above the  
 other trees, *Judges 9. 15*. Secondly leave  
 out also the bitter Wormewood of hate,  
 anger and envie: and according to the  
 counsell of God (the best Physitian) *Deut. 29. 18*. Let there not be among  
 you any roote of bitterness and Worm-  
 wood. In seede of these two, take the  
 humble Figgetree and his leaves, who  
 would not exalt himselfe above others.  
*Judges 9. 11*. Sprinkle herein the broad  
 figgeleaves of lowliness, humbling  
 your selves vnder the mighty hand of  
 God, *1. Peter 5. 6*. Concerning your good  
 workes (as the Figge tree his sweete  
 fruit) with the broad leaves of humilia-  
 ty. Take of each of these a good quan-  
 tity, and be abundant in good works,  
 and in the Worke of the Lord (as the  
 Apostle speaketh) being filled with all  
 fulnesse of God, *Eph. 3. 9*. Straine these  
 through the fine Strainer of vpright-  
 nesse and integrity, walking vprightly.  
*Ps. 15.* Avoiding all hypocrisie, and  
 laying aside all guile and dissimulation,  
*1. Pet. 2. 1*. In seede of white Cling. r.  
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put therunto, the hot Ointment of love  
towards God and thy neighbour: let it  
be white and pure, loving without dis-  
simulation. Rom. 12. 9. Further, hot and  
feruent. Above all things, having fer-  
uent love among you, 1 Pet. 4. 8. Weake  
with the stamper of obedience and humi-  
lity, the hardness of thy heart: Let it  
smite thee as Davids did, make as it  
were a small powder of it through hu-  
mility: and if to day thou hearest the  
voyce of the Lord, harden not thy heart,  
Heb. 3. In stead of white Wine, put to  
the Juice of these: The perfect white and  
pure Wine, that is, the blood of Jesus  
Christ: and the lower Vinegar, of his  
death and passion: For, onely by the  
vertue of this, the Medicine must ope-  
rate. Use to take in this Medicine eve-  
ry day fasting: sometime outwardly and  
corporally (when in publique calamity  
it is appointed by the superiour power,  
to reprove a present indgement) but al-  
wayes inwardly and Spiritually, los-  
ing the bands of wickednesse, taking  
off the heauie burthens, letting the op-  
pressed go free: covering the naked, dra-  
wing thy bread to the hungry, Esay 58. Use

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Use this (I say) not for the space of nine  
dayes together, but the whole yeare,  
yes all the dayes of thy life. So contin-  
uing in the Lord, Phil. 4. 1. and being  
not weary of well doing, 2 Thes. 3. 13.  
And this will (by Gods helpe) preserve  
you from the Plague of the soule and  
the infection of the world. I say, not a  
whole yeare; but all thy life time, till  
against the future resurrection, both  
with body and soule, thou mayest live  
eternally.

## The Kings bodily Medi- cine after Infection.

### *The second part.*



If it fortune, that one be  
stricken with the Plague  
before hee have taken the  
former Medicines: then  
take the things rehearsed  
and put thereto a spawne  
full of Bertyny water, and as much Scan-

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hious water, and a pretty quantity of  
the Treacle and temper them well to-  
gether, and let the Patient drinke  
it often, and it will expell the venome of  
poyson forthwith. But if the Bitch doe  
happen to appeare: then take a good  
quantity of Elder-leaves red Bramble  
leaves, and Mustard-seed: stampe them  
well together, & make a Plaster there-  
of: apply it to the soze, and it will draw  
forth all the venome and corruption.

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## The second part of the Spirituall Medicine.

**I**f it fortune, that thou art stricken  
with the Plague, before thou hast  
taken in the former Kings Medicine of  
repentance, then take the things afore  
rehearsed: and lest in thy affliction  
thou wase impatient: put therewith,  
not the Balme of Gilead, Ierm. 46. 11.  
But the Spirituall Treacle and Mithri-  
date of the consideration of Gods will  
and Providence; Psal. 39. 9. open-  
ing not thy Mouth because hee hea-  
reth



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eth it : and holding that, nothing can  
happen unto thee : without his appoint-  
ment. Further, that thou shouldest not  
distrust, or dispaire of the remission of  
thy finnes, of the health of thy soule,  
and of the goodnesse and power of God  
the Physician. In Steele of Betony wa-  
ter, put thereto a good quantity of  
that Aqua Benedicta, of that blessed wa-  
ter of Gods mercie, praying with Da-  
uid, Take away, O Lord the trespass of  
thy servant, 2. Sam. 24. 10. and wash me  
that I may be whiter then snow, *Psal.* 51.  
This will coole the heat of thy consci-  
ence, and comfort thy weary bones. Add  
as much of the water of life, *Ioh.* 4. 10.  
which is powred into our hearts by the  
holy Ghost, unto everlasting life. Fetch  
it by prayer, of Christ the Physician and  
Doctor of our soules : for hee doth giue  
it to quench our thirst, *Iohn.* 4. 14. Put  
hereto thy Baptisme water, representing  
the blood of Christ Iesus : It is one  
of the three witnesses : *Iohn.* 5. Assuring  
thee of the remission of thy sins. I caue  
out Scabious water : I meane, that  
Scabbie-holy-water, with the Bulles  
and Indulgences of the Anti-christ : for  
it

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It will make thee to get scabs and sores in thy soule, and bee vnto thee, not the water of Life, but the water of Death. Adde also a good quantity of that comfortable Treacle of hope, with the consideration of the future glory, being sure that thy Redeemer liueth, and that thou shalt see him with thine eyes, Job 19.25. mingle & temper thus well together, this Patience, Faith, Confidence and Hope, and let the Patient that is infected with either of them both, be to drinke this Kings Medicine often: let all his life (in health or in sicknesse) be a continuall repentance and meditation of those things, and it will expell the venom of his sin, of impatience, distrustfulnesse, and immoderate feare. But if the filthy botch of impatience, distrustfulnesse, and immoderate feare doe happen to appeare: then instead of Elder leaues, take a good quantity of Elvers examples: the Faith of Abraham, Patience of Job, the hope of David, and take my brethren the Prophets for an example of patience in suffering aduersity, Sam. 5. 10. Further, take also the Mustard-seede of Gods word, Math. 13.

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31. With the excellent commandements,  
admonitions, promises, and comforts  
contained therein: mingle these toge-  
ther, consider upon them, make a Play-  
ster of them, apply it to thy soze, it will  
drive forth the venome and corruption  
of impatience, distrustfulnesse, and im-  
moderate feare. The Mustard seede, as  
Plinie doth witness, is both purgativum,  
and Curativum. It purgeth the body of ill  
humours, and cureth the venemous by-  
ting of a Serpent: Even so the Spirit-  
uall Mustard-seede of the Word, purg-  
eth and auoideth the euill humours  
of the soule, and healeth the  
venemous byting of that  
olde Serpent the  
Deuill.

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Those that feare the Plague, and are not Infected, let them take of this drinke here after following, which is wise in euery weeke halfe a sponesfull at a time, it hath bene obserued, that neuer any one dyed of the Sicknesse, that did take it in time.

**T**AKE three Pintes of Malmesie, a handfull of Rue, as much of Sage, boyle these to a quart: then straine out the herbes, and then take an ounce of Long Pepper, Vineger and Nutmgs, all beaten smal in a Morter, and put into the Wine, and boyle it a little, then take it off, and put into it one ounce of Methridate, two ounces of the best Treacle, and a quarter of a pint of Aqua-vitæ, and put all into the Wine and so keepe it.

The vse of it.

If any be infected, take one sponesfull of it as sone as the party doth presume himselfe infected, luke-warme, and so goe to bed, & sweat two or three houres and



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and then drye the body well, and keepe  
it warme, and drinke no cold drinke, but  
warmedrink and Caldwells and Wasse  
drinke with Marigold leaues, and flow-  
ers, when the party hath sweat and is  
well dryed with warme cloathes, and so  
long as the party is ill, take a spoonefull  
morning and evening.

These things ought duely to be  
looked vnto, viz.

**I**t is very convenient that you keepe  
your houses, streets, yards, backside,  
sinks, and kennels swete and cleane,  
from all standing puddels, Dung-  
hills, and corrupt moistures, which in-  
gender stinking saours that may bee  
noysome, or breede Infection: nor suffer  
no dogges to come running into your  
houses: neither keepe any (except it bee  
backward in some place of open ayze,  
for they are very dangerous, and not  
sufferable in time of sicknesse, by reason  
they runne from place to place, and from  
one house to another, feeding vpon the  
vncleanest

uncleanest things that are cast forth in  
the streets, and are a most apt cattell to  
take infection of any sicknesse, and then  
to bring it into the house.

**For aying your Roomes.**

Ayre your severall Roomes with  
Charcole-fires, made in stone pans or  
Chafingdishes, and not in Chimneyes:  
set your Pannes in the middle of the  
Romes: ayre every Rhome once a weeke  
(at the least) and put into your fire a lit-  
tle quantity of Frankincense, Iuniper,  
Dried Rosemary, or of Bay-leaves.

**To smell to.**

The roote of *Emula-Campana*, steeped  
in Vinegar, and lapped in a Handker-  
cher, is a speciall thing to smell vnto, if  
you come where the Sicknesse is.

**To taste or chewe in the mouth.**

The roote of *Angelica*, Setwall, Gen-  
cian, Valerian, or Sinamon, is a speciall  
preservative against the Plague, being  
chewed in the mouth.

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for the Plague.

To eat.

Cafe Sorrell steeped in Vinegar, in the morning fasting, with a little bread and butter: Sorrell sauce is also very wholesome against the same.

To drinke.

Take Rue, Wormewood, and Scabius, steep't in Ale a vvhole night, and drinke it fasting every morning.

Another.

The roote of *Emula-Campana*, beaten to powder, is a speciall remedie against the Plague, being drunke fasting.

Another.

If any feeble themselves already infected, take *Angelica* vwater mixt vvith *Methridatum*, drinke it off, then goe to bed and sweate thereon.

Another speciall Preservative.

Take an *Egge*, make a hole in the top of it, take out the white and the yolke, and fill the shell onely with Saffron, rost the shell and Saffron together

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ther, in embers of Charcoles untill the  
shell ware yellowe: then brate shell and  
all together in a Morter, with halfe a  
sponefull of Mustard-seede: Now so  
sone as any suspicion is had of Infection  
on, dissolve the weight of a French  
Crowne in ten sponesfulls of Posset Ale,  
drinke it luke warme, and sweat upon it  
in your naked bed.

### *Drinke for ordinary Dyer.*

So neere as you can, let the Patients  
ordinary drinke bee good small Ale of  
eight dayes old.

### *For Vomiting.*

Vomiting is better then bleeding in  
this case, and therefore prouoke to Vo-  
mit so neere as you can.

### *To prouoke Vomir.*

Take three leaues of *Eastrabecca*, stamp  
it, and drinke it in Rhenish wine, Ale, or  
Posset Ale.

### *For Purging.*

If the party be full of grosse humors,  
let him blood immediately upon the

right



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right arme, on the Inner beine, or on the  
median beine, in the same arme: so as no  
sores appeare the first day: it is good, that

*A very Wholsome water to be distilled:*

Steepe Sorrell in Vinegar foure and  
twenty houres, then take it out, and dry  
it with a linnen cloath, then still it in a  
Limbeck, drinke foure spoonfulls with  
a little Sugar, then walke vpon it till you  
sweat, if you may: if not, keepe your  
bed, and sweat vpon it. Use this before  
supper on any euening.

If the Patient happen to be troubled  
with any Swellings, Bitches, Carbu-  
cles, let him sweat moderately now and  
then.

*Ourward Medicines to ripen the Sores*

Take the roote of a white Lilly, rost  
it in a good handfull of Sorrell, stampe  
it, and apply it thereto very hot, let it  
lye foure and twenty houres, and it will  
breake the sore.

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Take a small quantity of Leanen, a  
handfull of Wallowes, a little quantity

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of Scabias, cut a white Dryon into pices, with halfe a dozen heads of Garlick, boyle these together in running water, make a Poultice of it, and then lay it hot to the soze.

*Another.*

Take a hot Loafe, new taken forth of the Oven, apply it to the sore, and it will doubtlesse breake the same: but afterward bury the same Loafe de-be enough in the ground, for feare of any infection: for if either Dogge or any other thing do feed thereon, it will infect a great many.

*For Ayring Apparell.*

Let the Apparell of the diseased persons, be well and often washed, be it linnen or wollen: or let it be ayred in the Sunne, or over Pans of fire, or over Chafingdish of Coales, and tume the same with Frankincense, Juniper, or dyed Rosemary.

To preserve from the Infection  
of the Plague.

Take Garlicks, and peel it, and

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mince it small, put it into new milke,  
and eate it fasting.

To take the Infection from a house  
Infected.

Take large Onyons, peel them, & lay  
three or foure of them vpon the ground:  
let them lie ten dayes, and those peeled  
Onyons will gather all the Infection in-  
to them that is in one of those Roomes:  
but bury those Onyons afterward deepe  
in the ground.

Against the new burning Feauer.

If the patient be in great heat, as  
most commonly they will: take of faire  
running water a pretty quantity: put  
it on a Chafingdish of Coales, then put  
thereinto a good quantity of Sunders  
beaten to powder: and let it boyle halfe  
an houre betwene two dishes: that  
done, put a couple of soft linnen clothes  
into a dish, wet the clothes well in wa-  
ter and Sunders, and apply the same so  
hot as you can suffer it to your belly.

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To procure sleepe to the sicke Persons  
that are diseased, either with the  
Plague or the hor Feaver.

Take of womans bzeast milke a good  
quantity, put therunto of the like  
quantity of Aqua-vitæ, distill them well  
together, and mixt with the  
Temple of the Patients, and his  
thills, lay it on with some feather, or  
some fine white ragge.

Butter-milke in this contagious time  
is generally holisome to be eaten, and is  
a good Preservative against either the  
Plague or the pestilent Feaver.

A Prayer



## Comfortable Prayers.

### A Prayer for those that are not Visited.

**O** most mighty and mercifull  
Lord God, in whose hands are  
health and sicknesse, who at thy  
pleasure canst kill and comfort:  
I doe confesse that my finnes call for  
Justice, then I can cry for mercie,  
and I deserue all Plagues and punish-  
ments in this life, and the Plague of  
Plagues in the life to come, damna-  
tion both of body and soule: but O  
Lord, be thou more mercifull, then I  
can be sinfull, and in Iesus Christ bee  
reconcilled vnto me, and purge mee, and  
cleanse mee from all my finnes: and I  
beseech thee O Heauenly Father, at  
whose Commandement the Angels pas-  
sed ouer the houses of the Israelites,  
when it stricke the Egyptians, (if it be  
thy blessed will) that this present Sick-  
nesse

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nelle may passe ouer me and my Family  
We doe confesse, O Lord, that I and  
others haue deserved the Plagues of  
Egypt: but O Lord, howsoever keepe  
vs from the greatest Plague, which is  
hardnesse of heart: and if it be thy plea-  
sure, with-hold thy heauy hand from vs.  
Doe not correct vs in thine anger, nor  
yet chastise vs in thy heauy displeasure,  
but in thy mercy release vs, and if it be  
good vnto thee, that I and others should  
taste of this bitter Cup: strengthen our  
Faith, encrease our Hope, augment our  
Patience, that so wee may rest in thy  
peace, rise in thy power, and remaine  
in thy glory and thine for Christ Ie-  
sus sake, in whose name we  
further call vpon thee.

Our Father which  
Art in Heauen,

Thy Kingdome come,  
Thy will be done  
in earth as it is in Heauen,  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from all wickedness.  
For thine is the Kingdom, the power,  
and the glory, forever, Amen.

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A Prayer for those that  
are Visited.

**O** Lord God, thou best Physician,  
both of our soules and bodies, who  
canst bring to the Graue, and pull backe  
againc whom thou pleasest, which wert  
moued at the Prayers of Moses for o-  
thers: of Ezekiah for himselfe: Oh  
Lord heare me for others, others for me,  
and all of vs for thy Son: and looke with  
the eye of mercy vpon me whom it hath  
pleased at this time to visite with the  
Plague and Sicknesse. O Lord, I am  
held in thy fetters: Oh thou which  
hast bound mee, loose mee, and it tend  
vnto thy glory and my good, restore my  
health vnto mee. Oh Lord, I haue  
borne an vnprofitable seruant all my life  
time: Oh then let me not then be bereft  
of the life of nature, when I begin the  
life of grace: but if thou hast disposed  
of me otherwise, encrease my Patience  
with my paines: shew thy strength in  
sustai-

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Sustaining my weakenesse, and becom  
 strong fortress in this house of my life  
 all: give me grace to apprehend, and ap  
 ply all the merits and mercies of Christ  
 unto my soule: and oh Lord, let thy Com  
 forter oppose the Tempter, in such a  
 measure, that he may not prevail against  
 me, but as thou makest me like Lazarus,  
 full of sores, so also let thy Angels carry  
 mee into Abrahams bosome. And Lord  
 I intreat, let mee obtaine even for his  
 sake, for whom thou hast promised and  
 bound thy selfe, to heare and helpe the  
 afflicted, even thy Sonne, and my Sa  
 viour, Christ Jesus: To whom  
 with the Father and thy blessed spi  
 rit, be all in all eternall  
 praise, etc. Amen.

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